

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (original): A process for the preparation of 5-bromo-7-azaindole comprising:

step 1: the reduction of 7-azaindole to give 7-azaindoline; followed by

step 2: the bromination of 7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindoline; followed by

step 3: the oxidation of 5-bromo-7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindole.

Claim 26 (original): A process for the production of 5-methoxy-7-azaindole comprising mixing a solution of the following materials in relative quantities according to the amounts given herein:

5-bromo-7-azaindole (8.6 g, 44 mmol), copper (I) bromide (12.6 g, 88 mmol) and sodium methoxide (100 g, 1.85 mol) in a mixture of "degassed" DMF (260 mls) and methanol (175 mls);

stirring the resulting mixture at ambient temperature in a nitrogen atmosphere; and then heating the mixture at reflux.

Claim 27 (cancelled).